

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION		
HAZING		4301
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Each authorized charter school shall adopt, at minimum, a written policy prohibiting hazing by any student or organization operating under the sanction of the school or surrounding district. The policy shall be distributed or made available to each student at the beginning of each school year. During the first month of each new school year, time shall be set aside to specifically discuss the policy and its ramifications as a criminal offense and the penalties that may be imposed by the school and/or State Board. The school is encouraged to adopt an additional policy establishing procedures and disciplinary actions in response to hazing and related behaviors.ⁱ

"Hazing" means any intentional or reckless act in this state, on or off school property, by one (1) student acting alone or with others, that is directed against any other student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of that student, or that induces or coerces a student to endanger that student's mental or physical health or safety. "Hazing" does not include customary athletic events or similar contests or competitions and is limited to those actions taken and situations created in connection with initiation into or affiliation with any organization.¹

Legal References:

ⁱ T.C.A. § 49-2-120